Agenda Item Form Agenda Date: 06/29/04

Districts Affected: All Dept. Head/Contact Information: Human Resources, Terry Bond, (915) 541-4509
Type of Agenda Item: Resolution
Funding Source: ☐General Fund ☐Grant (duration of funds: Months) ☐Other Source: N/A
Legal:
Timeline Priority: ⊠High ☐ Medium ☐ Low # of days:
Why is this item necessary: After review by the Civil Service Commission and approval on 06/10/04, this amendment would clarify the language as its relates to ex-parte communication.
Explain Costs, including ongoing maintenance and operating expenditures, or Cost Savings: None
Statutory or Citizen Concerns: None Anticipated
Departmental Concerns:

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None Anticipated

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 8065, CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS, RULE 21, EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, TO CHANGE THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission is given the authority under Section 6.1-5(A) of the City Charter to recommend amendments to the City's Civil Service Rules; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council is the approving authority for amendments to the Civil Service Rules; therefore, the Civil Service Commission presented their recommended changes to City Council; and,

WHEREAS, both the Civil Service Commission and the City Council have determined that Civil Service Rules should be amended by changing Rule 21, Ex-Parte Communications, as it relates to the responsibility of ex parte communications,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That Ordinance 8065, Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Rule 21, Ex-Parte Communications, as it relates to when ex-parte communications can be engaged in, is amended as follows:

RULE 21, Ex Parte Communications

Commissioners or hearing officers, may not initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications or other communications to be made outside the presence of the parties, concerning the merits of a pending complaint or appeal. Pending is defined as a complaint or appeal that Commissioners or Hearing Officers know has been filed or should reasonably foresee will be filed. Commissioners or hearing officers shall not participate in rendering the decision in a case where they have participated in the case in an advocacy role. This Rule does not prohibit either the Commission or hearing officer from communicating with the legal advisor to the Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of July 2004.

i	THE CITY OF EL PASO
	Joe Wardy
ATTEST:	Mayor
Richarda Duffy Momsen City Clerk	

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Terry Bond J Human Resources Director

APPROVED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON JUNE 10, 2004.

Guadalupe Cuellar Deputy City Attorney